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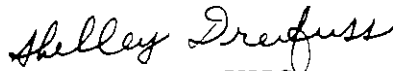
Special Services Fees and Classifications) Docket No. MC96-3

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS JOHN F. LANDWEHR
(OCA/USPS-T3-4-6)
(July 22, 1996)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA Interrogatories 1-4 to the United States Postal Service dated June 19, 1996, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,


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OCA/USPS-T3-4. Please describe the general process for assigning boxes to customers. For example, suppose that a new box section is opened with 200 size 1 boxes, numbered 1001-1200.

- a. Are new box holders assigned boxes in some sequential order? For example, would the postmaster assign box 1001, then 1002, then 1003 to the first 3 applicants?
- b. Suppose that this new box section has 20 box holders (and 180 unrented boxes). Are there any processing advantages to the postmaster to assign the boxes 1001-1020 as opposed to sprinkling these 20 box holders in no particular pattern among the available boxes? Please explain.
- c. If only boxes 1001-1020 are rented, and the boxholder for box 1005 moves (leaving a forwarding address), then is the next applicant for a box assigned to 1005, 1021, or just any of the non-rented boxes? Would box 1005 be left unrented for a period of time for forwarding purposes? Please explain.

OCA/USPS-T3-5. Refer to page 4, lines 9-11 of your testimony concerning postal customers in Middleburg, VA.

- a. How many postal customers living within the Middleburg corporate limits rely on post office box service?


- b. How many postal customers living within the Middleburg corporate limits rely on general delivery service?
- c. How many postal customers live within the Middleburg corporate limits?

OCA/USPS-T3-6. Refer to pages 4-5, lines 19-25 and 1-2, respectively, of your testimony concerning Middleburg, VA post office boxes.

- a. Please explain in detail how and where "mail volumes which exceed box capacity . . . [are] stored separately awaiting pickup."
- b. Please indicate the average length of time mail volumes which exceed box capacity are stored.
- c. Please explain to what alternative uses the space currently allocated to storage would be put in the absence of "between 50 to 60 tubs of mail that must be stored until pickup."
- d. Please indicate whether the 50 to 60 tubs of mail that must be stored until pickup is an average per day, per week, or specify some other time period.
- e. Please define "tub," giving its dimensions, and volume in cubic feet.
- f. Please estimate the volume of mail held by a "tub."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 3.B(3) of the special rules of practice.


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